TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the West Caldwell Mayor and Council, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held in the public meeting room of the Municipal Building, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:30 p m.

The Township Clerk announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: Mayor Tempesta, Council Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, Schott

OTHERS PRESENT: Nikole H. Baltycki, Township Administrator/CFO
Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk
Chief Dennis Capriglione, Police Department
John Medina, Construction Official

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Cecere

Councilman Wolsky gave the Invocation.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – EMMA CARRIKER

Mayor Tempesta read a short Bio about Emma Carriker. She was then sworn in as a West Caldwell Police Officer.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PENDING ORDINANCE

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND CREATING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, ESTABLISHING THE GRADES OF SUCH OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS AND FIXING THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE PERSONS HOLDING SUCH OFFICES OR POSITIONS, REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created and established in the Township of West Caldwell certain offices and positions of employment, together with the salaries for such positions.

SECTION 2. There shall be paid a longevity increment to full-time employees hired prior to May 1, 1997 (excluding there from the following enumerated employees: Judge and Prosecutor of the Municipal Court and Welfare Director). No longevity will be paid to any employee covered by this ordinance hired on or after May 1, 1997.

Longevity increase shall be due and payable to the annual base salary to such eligible employees who have completed the full period of years of service hereinafter designated: to wit: 2 percent - 5 years; 4 percent - 10 years; 6 percent - 15 years; 8 percent - 20 years; 10 percent - 24 years or more. Such longevity payments shall be made on the pay period next ensuing the anniversary date of full completion of the required period of service.

SECTION 3. Holiday and Overtime Pay. Holiday and Overtime Pay shall be based on 2,080 hours per year. Overtime shall be at the rate of double time for Sundays and Official Holidays; time and one-half for Saturdays and hours worked in the excess of 40 hours per week. A minimum of 2 hours pay at the above prescribed rates will be paid for all emergency calls after regular working hours.

SECTION 4. In the event additional sessions of Court, over and above 48 per year are required, the Judge and Prosecutor shall be paid a stipend equivalent to 1.5% of their annual salary, and the Court Administrator shall be paid a stipend of $125 for each session over and above 36 per year.

SECTION 5. In the event attendance at Board of Health meetings, other than for the Township of West Caldwell, is required, the Health Officer shall be paid a stipend of $125.00 for each session attended. Any inspections or screenings attended by the Health Officer, Registrar or Registered Environmental Health Specialist, or reports prepared for same by the Health Officer, performed by 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or on Saturdays, will be at a reimbursement rate equal to the hourly rate of said employees. The Health Secretary shall be paid $85.00 per meeting for minutes preparation.

SECTION 6. Advancement to Steps 2 and 3 for Fire Chief shall be awarded by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 7. Any Smoke Detector Inspections performed before 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. by the Fire Official, or their designate will be at a reimbursement rate of $45.00 per inspection.

SECTION 8. Any Added Assessment Inspections performed by the Tax Assessor before 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or on Saturdays by the Tax Assessor will be included in their base salary for up to 230 hours of inspection work performed. Any inspections performed over the 230 hours will be reimbursed at a rate equal to either the hourly rate of pay for the Tax Assessor or a stipend established by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 9. The prescribed salaries and increments for officers and employees, set forth on said schedule shall be effective as of January 1, 2025.

SECTION 10. Ordinance No. 1886, adopted June 18, 2024, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

EMPLOYEE TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Accounts Payable Clerk	$ 35,000.00	$ 55,000.00
Acting Clerk	$ 70,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Acting Superintendent of Public Works	$ 64,159.00	$ 150,000.00
Acting Water Foreman	$ 57,220.00	$ 93,000.00
Administrative Assistant	$ 25.00	$ 35.00
Assistant Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Coordinator	$ 45,000.00	$ 88,000.00
Assistant Mechanic	$ 46,945.00	$ 70,418.00
Assistant Prosecutor	$ 2,553.00	$ 15,000.00
Assistant Recreation Director	$ 37,684.00	$ 75,000.00
Athletic Program Supervisor	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Building Subcode Official	$ 32.64	$ 60.00
Certified Public Works Manager License for Individual not Appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer/Township Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent	$ 90,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Chief Mechanic	$ 61,045.00	$ 98,000.00
Clerk/Public Agency Compliance Officer	$ 60,000.00	$ 90,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	$ 24.00	$ 45.00
Construction Code Official/Fire Subcode Official/Fire Official	$ 80,000.00	$ 150,000.00
Council	$ 5,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Council President	$ 5,500.00	$ 6,600.00
Court Administrator	$ 42,840.00	$ 95,000.00
Court Attendant	$90.00 per session	$90.00 per session
Crossing Guard	$ 6,028.00	$ 20,000.00
Crossing Guard Per Diem	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Part Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Full Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 36,400.00	$ 62,000.00
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 1,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Deputy Fire Official/Lead Inspector	$ 35,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Dispatcher	$ 45,000.00	$ 75,000.00
Electric Subcode Official	$ 35.00	$ 55.00
Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 3,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	$ 40.00	$ 55.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 1	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,999.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 2	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,499.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 3	$ 6,500.00	$ 7,000.00
Fire Inspector	$ 28,364.00	$ 52,000.00
Fire Official License for Individual not Appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Foreman - Roads, Buildings, Grounds and Facility Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 99,000.00
Foreman of Roads and Building Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 108,000.00
Foreman of Fields and Grounds Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 99,000.00
Full Time Outreach Coordinator	$ 50,000.00	$ 70,000.00
General Clerical	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Health Inspector	$ 28.00	$ 42.00
Health Officer/Assistant Adminstrator/Safety Coordinator	$ 83,232.00	$ 168,000.00
Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist	$ 40.00	$ 55.00
Intern	$ 15.49	$ 20.00
Judge	$ 22,032.00	$ 35,000.00
Laborer (Pools, B&G, Recreation, DPW, Water)	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Laborer	$ 35,000.00	$ 75,000.00
Laborer/Custodian	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Land Use Administrator/Municipal Housing Liaison	$ 32,512.00	$ 75,000.00
Lifeguard	$ 15.49	$ 20.00
Local Health Outreach Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 52.00
Mayor	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Mechanic	$ 46,343.00	$ 75,000.00
Payroll Clerk	$ 27,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Payroll Clerk- Interlocal Agreement	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,000.00
Planning Board Engineer	$ 13,680.00	$ 17,520.00
Playground Program Coordinator	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Playground Assistant Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Playground Assistant Director	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Playground Assistant Leader	$ 12.00	$ 20.00
Playground Site Supervisor	$ 20.00	$ 40.00
Playground Assistant Site Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$ 32.64	$ 60.00
Police Captain	$ 150,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Police Chief	$ 160,000.00	$ 210,000.00
Pool Door Attendant	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Pool Manager	$ 4,560.00	$ 10,085.00
Pool Manager	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Pool Assistant Manager	$ 3,600.00	$ 8,575.00
Pool Assistant Manager	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Program Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 40.00
Program Supervisor	$ 35,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Prosecutor	$ 15,912.00	$ 30,000.00
Preparedness Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 55.00
Public Defender/Tax Attorney	$ 4,080.00	$ 6,120.00
Public Health Nurse	$ 20.00	$ 45.00
Public Works Specialist	$ 51,226.00	$ 90,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent not appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Records Clerk	$ 24,309.00	$ 75,500.00
Recreation Assistant	$ 12.00	$ 20.00
Recreation Coach	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Recreation Director	$ 85,000.00	$ 130,000.00
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	$ 30,552.00	$ 66,950.00
Secretary	$ 20.00	$ 32.00
Secretary	$ 24,309.00	$ 75,500.00
Secretary/Registrar/Recycling Coordinator	$ 25,000.00	$ 65,000.00
Senior Cashier	$ 35,000.00	$ 50,000.00
Site Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Special Needs Program Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 35.00
Special Projects Coordinator	$ 21.78	$ 40.00
Sports Official	$26.00/game	$90.00/game
Sports Scorer	$ 7.25	$ 9.00
Superintendent of Public Works	$ 64,159.00	$ 150,000.00
Supervising Laborer/Specialist	$ 52,800.00	$ 90,000.00
Swim Team Coach	$1,000 per season	$4,000 per season
Swim Team Assistant Coach	$600 per season	$2,000 per season
Tax Assessor	$ 37,650.00	$ 69,400.00
Tax Cashier	$ 29,845.00	$ 55,000.00

Tax Collector	$	11,920.00	$	95,000.00
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official/Deputy Municipal Housing Liaison	$	44,000.00	$	66,000.00
Tot Lot Site Director	$	20.00	$	40.00
Tot Lot Assistant Site Director	$	20.00	$	30.00
Part Time Violations Clerk	$	20.00	$	32.00
Full Time Violations Clerk	$	37,345.00	$	56,500.00
Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator	$	20.00	$	52.00
Water Cashier	$	28,364.00	$	60,000.00
Water Foreman	$	57,220.00	$	93,000.00
Water License Stipend - C-1/W-1 License - 2% of Salary	$	800.00	$	1,800.00
Water License Stipend - C-2/W-2 License - 4% of Salary	$	1,500.00	$	4,000.00
Water Operator- Standby W-2 License - 6% of Salary	$	1,500.00	$	4,000.00
Water Appointed Operator with C-2/W-2 License - 8% of Salary	$	3,000.00	$	13,000.00
Water Operator- Interlocal Agreement	$	1,000.00	$	6,000.00
Water Laborer	$	40,000.00	$	72,000.00
Zoning Officer	$	24.00	$	33.00

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard. A motion was made by Council President Wolsky and seconded by Councilman Cecere to close the hearing. All were in favor.

Council President Wolsky moved that the pending Ordinance be passed and published in accordance with the law. It was seconded by Councilman Cecere. Upon the vote being polled, Council Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A-1 A communication from Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Finance Officer, certifying funds are available under the 2025 Budget of Appropriations – December 16, 2025 Schedule; further certifying that there will be no over-expenditures of any line item in the Budget as a result of this schedule.

A-2 A communication from Nikole Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available for Resolution number 25-237, 25-243, 25-247, 25-249, 25-250, 25-251, 25-252, 25-253, 25-256

Received and placed on file.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilwoman Canale that the Bill List as amended by the Chief Financial Officer be attached to the Minutes and be paid and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign the necessary warrants for their payment.

Upon the vote being polled, Council Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative. However, Councilman Cecere abstained from the bill for K Macken Landscaping.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS ORDERED PAID NOVEMBER 2025

	Checks	Amount
CURRENT ACCOUNT – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	19984-20099	$4,010,202.63
GENERAL CAPITAL	3431-3435	$812,551.98
POOL	4047-4050	$9,164.64
POOL CAPITAL	3074	$9,521.00
WATER CAPITAL	8460-8461	$8,312.00
WATER	12023-12035	$61,219.35
WATER WIRE ACCT	0	0
GENERAL TRUST – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	7262-7269	$33,940.67
DOG TRUST	1176-1177	$6,797.88

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST 1	0	0
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	0	0
COAH-AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	0	0
DEVELOPERS' TRUST	1915-1926	$6,837.50
SUB-TOTAL		**$4,958,547.65**
LIBRARY	13901-13924	$57,602.01
TOTAL		**$5,016,149.66**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the recommendation of Councilman Schott seconded by Councilwoman Canale, it was regularly moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2025 be approved.

Upon the vote being polled, Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Tempesta read the following statement: "Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and be subject to a separate roll call."

It was regularly moved by Council President Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Cecere that the twenty on Resolutions on the Consent Agenda this evening be approved.

Mayor Tempesta asked if there were any comments on the consent agenda from Council or the public.

Brad Degnan asked why Resolution 25-248 was rescinded. Administrator Baltycki explained why.

Upon the vote being polled, Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

The following twenty one Resolutions by Consent were made part of these Minutes:

No. 25-237
By: Councilman Crudele

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $189,500.00 GROVER CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements under the Local Public Contracts Law, the following resolution be and is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to perform professional engineering services associated with the Grover Cleveland Middle School Improvement Project. The project includes survey services, geotechnical engineering services, design and bidding services, and green acres grant coordination. The fee for the described services is $189,500.00.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows.

1. The Township of West Caldwell will execute an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856, in accordance with the attached proposal.

2. Whereas, the contract was awarded through a fair and open process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., in that the vendor was awarded a professional services appointment for the year 2025.

3. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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No. 25-238
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayments or otherwise as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund or transfers of such overpayments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds or issue checks refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

1. Incorrect Payment-Refund
2. Duplicate Payment-Refund
3. Vets, Senior Citizen, Exempt Prop Refund/Allow
4. Apply Overpayment to Next Year
5. Cancellation of Balance of Less than $5.00
6. Assessment Changes
7. Tax Appeal
8. Overpayment-Refund
9. Tax Title Lien Redemption
10. Homestead Rebate/NJ Saver
11. Apply Overpayment to Current Year
12. Cancellation of Credit of Less than $5.00
13. Cancellation of Taxes
14. Other - Cancellation of Credit Balance over $5.00

Block	Lot	Qual	Owner Name	Amount	Year	Reason
400	32		Egan, Liam & Michelle	$ 3,320.90	2025/4	3
			8 Nutting Place			
			Check payable to: Egan, Liam & Michelle			
			8 Nutting Place			
			West Caldwell, NJ 07006			
508	17		Pensamiento, Albert G & Myra	$ 2,059.91	2025/4	3
			25 Washington Avenue			
			Check payable to: Pensamiento, Albert G & Myra			
			25 Washington Avenue			
			West Caldwell, NJ 07006			
3000	19		Ouckama, Winston & Serena	$ 3,111.68	2025/4	3
			17 Lombard Drive	$ 1,248.41	2025/3	3
				$ 4,360.09		
			Check payable to: Ouckama, Winston & Serena			
			17 Lombard Drive			
			West Caldwell, NJ 07006			
			Total Veteran Exempt Refunds - $ 9,740.90			
902	15		Reiser, Joel D & Renee M	$ 3,417.50	2025/4	1
			5 Grove Street			
			Check payable to: Corelogic			
			Centralized Refunds			
			PO Box 9202			
			Coppell, TX 75019-9760			
1804	4		McCormick, Joseph P. & Sara J	$ 2,512.33	2025/2	1
			12 Johnson Avenue	$ 49.59	2025/3	1
				$ 2,460.90	2025/4	1
				$ 5,022.82		
			Check payable to: Lereta LLC			
			901 Corporate Center Drive			
			Pomona, CA 91768			
			Total Overpayment Refunds - $ 8,440.32			

No. 25-239
By: Councilman Docteroff

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8. Overpayment-Refund

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2. Duplicate Payment-Refund
3. Vets, Senior Citizen, Exempt Prop Refund/Allow
4. Apply Overpayment to Next Year
5. Cancellation of Balance of Less than $5.00
6. Assessment Changes
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Block	Lot	Qual	Owner Name	Amount	Year	Reason
200	39		Hessling, G John & Delores A 124 Smull Avenue	$ 65.90	2025/4	4
500	7		McSharry, Kevin D & Kimberly J 45 Francis Place	$ 57.93	2025/4	4
605	13		Masella, Robert & Joan 13 Oates Terrace	$ 244.93	2025/4	4
701	21		Pertowski, Carol & Buschman Nan 7 McRae Court	$ 213.72	2025/4	4
800	14		Weider, Leo & Donna M 671-673 Bloomfield Avenue	$ 1,357.79	2025/4	4
802	8		Martin, Deborah & Gerald 96 Ravine Avenue	$ 1,941.14	2025/4	4
1101	49		Portilla, Carla & Garcia, Josue 12 Spring Lane	$ 39.83	2025/4	4
1200	3	C951A	Clarizio Partners LLC 195 Fairfield Avenue, 1-A	$ 42.64	2025/4	4
2201	69	C009B	Ferguson, Kenneth S 580 Bloomfield Avenue, 9-B	$ 4.85	2025/4	4
			Total Transfers to 2026 - $ 3,968.73			
306	19		Ricciardi, Joseph L & Palma V 123 Smull Avenue	$ .41	2025/4	5
400	13		Ricci, Betty Jean & Robert 210 Central Avenue	$ .12	2025/4	5
503	34		Sample, Mark T & Gail E 10 Thrumont Road	$ .06	2025/4	5
506	28		Piazza, John M & Rachel E 24 Laurel Place	$ .81	2025/4	5
508	49		Miller, Douglas & Judith 26 Pleasant Avenue	$ .99	2025/4	5
701	4		Genovese, Gene & Gail 305 Central Avenue	$ .17	2025/4	5
804	8		Lavorato, Saverio & Robin C 39 Westover Avenue	$ 2.79	2025/4	5
1102	1		Doyle, George & Allison 178 Clinton Road	$ 4.92	2025/4	5
1200	3	C951D	PGGM Investment Co LP 195 Fairfield Avenue, 1-D	$ 3.27	2025/4	5
1602	2	C191A	Dal Bon Joseph M & Laurie Kurz- 1019 Bloomfield Avenue 1-A	$ .49	2025/4	5
1602	2	C191B	Dal Bon Joseph M & Laurie Kurz- 1019 Bloomfield Avenue 1-B	$ .49	2025/4	5
1602	18		Castiglione, Charles III & Roseanne 178 Clinton Road	$ .08	2025/4	5
1800	5		Colavita, Jack P & Lena 35 Eastern Parkway	$ .01	2025/4	5
1900	8		Tiseo, Frank Jr. & Patricia 39 Westover Avenue	$ 2.66	2025/4	5
1901	1	C001B	Kiwior, Margaret & Lauren 984 Bloomfield Avenue 1-B	$ .02	2025/4	5
2201	33		Stavella, Robert W & Francine M 33 Lane Avenue	$ .03	2025/4	5

2205	3	C001A	Pallante, Donna 666 Bloomfield Ave, Unit 1	$ 2.67	2025/4	5
2604	19		Mickley, Scott & Marcia 23 Lee Drive	$ .01	2025/4	5
2608	2		Iwahashi, Howard K 173 Runnymede Road	$ 4.60	2025/4	5
2700	37		Aquila, Anthony W III 35 Dalewood Road	$ .08	2025/4	5
2701	17		Gencarelli, Frank & Lisa 48 Dalewood Road	$ .03	2025/4	5

Total Small Balances Cancelled - $ 24.71

Water Account # 3226-0				
	Lehman, Thomas C Jr 336 Passaic Avenue	$ 40.00	2012	14

Total Water Credit Cancelled - $ 40.00

No. 25-240
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for Construction Fees collected in the Construction Department as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends the refunds of these fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the proper officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds or issue checks to clear the refunds as shown below:

Name	Amount	Reason
JMS Signs 460 Main Ave Wallington, NJ 07057	$68.00	Refund- Building Subcode Fee
JMS Signs 460 Main Ave Wallington, NJ 07057	$13.00	Refund- DCA Fee

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FEE REFUNDS: $81.00

No. 25-241
By: Councilman Crudele

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS IN THE RECREATION OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for Recreation Program Fees collected in the Recreation Office as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director recommends the refunds of these fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the proper officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds or issue checks to clear the refunds as shown below:

CURRENT FUND

Name	Amount	Reason
Roberta Furman 161 Mountain Ave West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$90.00	Refund- Basketball
Dan McElligot 60 Grover Lane West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$80.00	Refund- Basketball
Robin Goldman 34 Taylor Drive West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$20.00	Refund- Senior Fitness
Cecilia O'Gara 39 Washburn Place Caldwell, NJ 07006	$40.00	Refund- Senior Fitness

TOTAL CURRENT FUND REFUNDS: $230.00

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TRUST FUND

Name	Amount	Reason
Catherine Cocoran 585 Bloomfield Ave Apt. 69 West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$50.00	Refund- Senior Holiday Party
Nick Zipeto 127 Mountain Ave West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$170.00	Refund- Travel Basketball

TOTAL TRUST FUND REFUNDS: $220.00

No. 25-242
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING COURT CHECKS

WHEREAS, there exists outstanding checks on the Municipal Court General Account; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding checks have been investigated and it has been determined that this check should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following outstanding Municipal Court General Account checks in the total amount of $80.00 be and are hereby cancelled:

DATE	CHECK#	ISSUED TO	AMOUNT
12/9/2024	927	CVS	$60.00
6/9/2025	964	CVS	$20.00

No. 25-243
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS #4 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO DAKOTA EXCAVATING CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE HARRISON SCHOOL FIELD PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for Harrison School Field project to Dakota Excavating Contractor, Inc. in the amount of $1,719,496.50; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain changes to this Contract are necessary; and

WHEREAS, there have been three previous change orders to this contract; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Township Engineer when calculating final quantities that for Change Order #4 resulting in a reduction of $46,237.17; and

WHEREAS, this minor modification represents no substantial change to the quality or character of the items or work provided or the overall Contract amount;

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendations of the Township Engineer, the Governing Body wishes to approve this change order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex as follows:

1. The above listed change order to the Contract for the project known as the Harrison School Field project to Dakota Excavating Contractor, Inc. be and hereby is approved.
2. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
3. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders and issue final payment in the amount of $37,724.35, which includes all retainage previously withheld.
4. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	$1,719,496.50
Amount of Change Order #1	32,280.00
Amount of Change Order #2	166,378.00
Amount of Change Order #3	14,300.00
Amount of Change Order #4	<46,237.17>
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$1,886,217.33
Percent Increase of all Change Orders	9.70%

December 16, 2025

No. 25-244
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LISA WITHAM AS THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a Technical Assistant to the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Witham, 11 Great Gorge Drive Unit 1, Vernon, NJ 07462 is willing and able to serve as the Technical Assistant to the Construction Official in the Construction Department for the Township of West Caldwell; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Lisa Witham is appointed as the Technical Assistant to the Construction Official, effective January 5, 2026, at a salary of $65,000.00 in accordance with the salary ordinance.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 25-245
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 2025 CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS – TRANSFER #2

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:A-58 provides that all unexpended balances carried during the last two months of the current year are available to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the current fiscal year and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances that are expected to be sufficient during the last two months of the current year; and

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund and Pool Utility Transfers between appropriations are necessary:

TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL			
CURRENT FUND			
2025 ADOPTED BUDGET			
APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN CAPS			
General Government	**FROM:**		**TO:**
Planning Board			
Salary and Wages	$ 3,100.00		
Insurance			
Employee Group Health	$ 140,100.00		
Utilities			
Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs	$ 2,000.00		
APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN CAPS			
General Government			
Financial Administration			
Other Expense			$ 12,000.00
Collection of Taxes			
Other Expense			$ 500.00
Board of Adjustments			
Other Expense			$ 4,500.00
Environmental Commission			
Other Expense			$ 1,000.00
Public Safety			
Police			
Salaries and Wages			$ 35,000.00
Sanitation			
Garbage Collection and Disposal			
Other Expenses			$ 36,000.00
Health and Welfare			
Board of Health			
Salaries and Wages			$ 20,200.00
Utilities			
Gasoline			$ 2,000.00
Natural Gas			$ 1,500.00

Street Lighting			$ 1,000.00
Terminal Leave			$ 20,000.00
SUBTOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 144,200.00**		**$ 133,700.00**
APPROPRIATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS			
Sewerage Treatment			
Borough of Roseland - Contract			$ 5,500.00
Down Payments on Improvements			
Capital Improvement Fund			$ 6,000.00
SUBTOTAL EXCLUSIONS	**$ -**		**$ 11,500.00**
TOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	**145,200.00**		**145,200.00**

No. 25-246
By: Councilman Schott

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH SERVICES WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the Interlocal Services Agreement for Health Services annexed hereto be and hereby is extended for a five (5) year period beginning January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

WHEREAS, said agreement allows the governing bodies of West Caldwell and Fairfield to extend such agreement by resolution; and

WHEREAS, In consideration for the health services provided by West Caldwell to Fairfield under the terms of this Agreement, Fairfield agrees to pay to West Caldwell a service fee in the amount of $141,900.00 for services rendered in calendar year 2026. The service fee for all other years under this Agreement shall be as follows:

Calendar year 2027	$144,740.00
Calendar year 2028	$147,635.00
Calendar year 2029	$150,590.00
Calendar year 2030	$153,600.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and that are hereby authorized and directed to extend the attached agreement.

No. 25-247
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO E.M. GRANT FLEET AUTOMATION SPECIALIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to award a contract to E. M. Grant Fleet Automation Specialists for the software update of the GasBoy system for the Township of West Caldwell as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the cost of this purchase will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, E. M. Grant Fleet Automation Specialists has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that E. M. Grant Fleet Automation Specialists has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit E. M. Grant Fleet Automation Specialists from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose in the General Capital Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract not to exceed the amount of $18,517.92 to E. M. Grant Fleet Automation Specialists as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 25-248
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS 25-229 AND 25-230

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell previously adopted Resolution No. 25-229

requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:87 – Chapter 159 – 2025 Distracted Driving Crackdown. U Drive. U Text. U pay. on November 11, 2025.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell previously adopted Resolution No. 25-230 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:87 – Chapter 159 – Highway Traffic Safety – Sustained Enforcement Grant on November 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon further review by the Township's Chief Financial Officer, it has been determined that said resolutions were not required; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it in the best interests of the Township to rescind Resolution Nos. 25-229 and 25-230 to ensure clarity and accuracy in Township records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Resolution No. 25-229 and Resolution No. 25-230 are hereby rescinded in their entirety.

No. 25-249
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO TEDO, LLC FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to award a contract to Tedo, LLC for fence installation in various locations within the Township of West Caldwell as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the aggregate value of the projects will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Tedo, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Tedo, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Tedo, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose in the General Trust Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract not to exceed the amount of $18,250 to Tedo, LLC as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 25-250
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO DESESA ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to award a contract to DeSesa Engineering Company for HVAC projects and repairs within the Township of West Caldwell as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the aggregate value of the projects will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, DeSesa Engineering Company has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that DeSesa Engineering Company has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit DeSesa Engineering Company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose in the General Capital Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract not to exceed the amount of $42,000.00 to DeSesa Engineering Company as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 25-251
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-350 VEHICLES FOR THE WATER DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Township of West Caldwell has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under the contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into under the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable from time to time to obtain materials, supplies, and equipment under Contracts for such

materials, supplies and equipment entered into by the MCCPC without the necessity of advertising for bids or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS, it has been or will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such Contract or Contracts entered into under the MCCPC with the following referenced Cooperative Vendors; and

WHEREAS, Ciocca FMFL, Inc. has a valid contact through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council – Contract #15-C, Item 13 – Utility Vehicles for; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law which permits contracting units to participated in cooperative pricing systems; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purchase in an amount in excess of $17,500.00 but not to exceed $95,700.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The purchase by the Township of West Caldwell Construction Department shall be purchased under a contract for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of the County of Morris with Ciocca FMFL, Inc.

No. 25-252
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT VENDORS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Township of West Caldwell has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under the contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into under the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable from time to time to obtain materials, supplies, and equipment under Contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into by the MCCPC without the necessity of advertising for bids or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS, it has been or will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such Contract or Contracts entered into under the MCCPC with the following referenced Cooperative Vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. The purchases by the Township of West Caldwell through the several Municipal Departments shall be purchased under a Contract of Contracts for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of the County of Morris with the following list of vendors:

Contract #1: Motor Gasoline – Allied Oil, LLC
Contract #3: Rock salt and calcium chloride liquid – Morton Salt, Inc.
Contract #6: Road Resurfacing – Tilcon New York, Inc.
Contract #6: Road Resurfacing – Cifelli and Son
Contract #9: Crushed stone, gravel and sand – Tilcon New York, Inc.
Contract #14: Catch Basins and Manhole Castings – Campbell Foundry Company
Contract #15-C: Utility Vehicles – Ciccoa FMFL, Inc.
Contract #17: Main Pool and Chemical Co., Inc.
Contract #18: Tree Removal, Trimming & Stump Grinding Services – Tree King, Inc.
Contract #50: Fire Department Uniforms – Turn Out Uniforms, Inc.

No. 25-253
By: Councilman Crudele

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR RECREATION UNIFORMS TO MJG PROMOTIONS, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to acquire Recreation uniforms and identifying apparel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, MJG Promotions, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that MJG Promotions, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the MJG Promotions, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose in the current budget; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract with in excess of $17,500.00 but not to exceed $45,500.00 with MJG Promotions, LLC as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 25-254
By: Councilman Schott

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87 – CHAPTER 159 – MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the county of Essex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of $13,722.52, which is now available as a revenue from:

County of Essex, New Jersey
Essex County Office of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addition Services
Municipal Alliance Grant – Fiscal Year 2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $13,722.52 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from CAPS
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues
Municipal Alliance Grant – Fiscal Year 2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $3,430.63 representing the amount required for the municipality's cash match of the aforementioned grant appears in the budget of the year 2025 under the captions of Municipal Alliance Programs Other Expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

No. 25-255
By: Councilman Schott

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT FY2027

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Essex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of West Caldwell, County Of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2027 in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant	$ 14,900.00
Cash Match	$ 3,725.00
In-Kind	$ 11,175.00

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

No. 25-256
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY CONTRACT VENDORS

WHEREAS, Education Services Commission of New Jersey has awarded contracts to various vendors as successful bidders for Education Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is authorized by law to purchase goods or services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with the Education Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is a member of the Education Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Education Services Commission of New Jersey Bid Number ESCNJ 24/25-16 was awarded for Paint and Supplies to Sherwin Williams Company; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has a desire to purchase line sprayers and paint for the Department of Public Works in the Township under the ESCNJ Contract number 24/25-16 in an amount not to exceed $18,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, the purchases by the Township of West Caldwell shall be purchased or have been purchased under a Contract for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey with Sherwin Williams Company under contract number ESCNJ 24/25-16.

No. 25-257
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, The Township of West Caldwell (the "Township" or the "public body" has been duly created and is validly existing as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey pursuant to applicable laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township constitutes a "public body" as such term is defined in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, constituting Chapter 231 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1975 of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Open Public Meetings Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act permits a public body, as such term is defined therein, to exclude members of the public from portions of any "meeting", as such term is defined therein including N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) et seq., under certain limited circumstances which include, but are not limited to, (a) a discussion of pending or anticipated litigation in which the public body is or may become a party, or (b) a discussion of any matters which fall within the attorney-client privilege, or (c) a discussion of a collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof, or (d) a discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds or I a discussion of involving the employment, appointment or termination of employment of an existing or prospective public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township has determined that and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist that permit the governing body of the Township to discuss the matters set forth in this Resolution in executive session; and

WHEREAS, the matters set forth in this Resolution are within the exceptions and the limited circumstances set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) et seq., the governing body of the Township desires to conduct a portion of the meeting in an executive session from which members of the public will be excluded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, in accordance with the provisions of The Open Public Meetings Act, that the governing body of the Township hereby determines to conduct a portion of the meeting in an executive session from which members of the public will be excluded in accordance with the provisions of Open Public Meetings Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned executive session will be limited to matters relating to the following items and which matters involve, as applicable, pending, and anticipated litigation involving or expected to involve the Township, matters which fall within the attorney-client privilege, matters regarding the discussion of a collective bargaining agreement, matters relating to purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds or matters relating to personnel:

LITIGATION – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of each executive session will be prepared and maintained by the Township and with regard to each of the matters discussed in executive session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes relating to a particular matter discussed will be made available to members of the public – (a) at such time as the matter no longer requires confidentiality as permitted by applicable laws, (b) upon the completion of a pending or anticipated litigation, or (c) upon such matter no longer falling within the attorney-client privilege, (d) upon the completion of a collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof, or I upon the completion of a purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds, or (f) as such disclosure may otherwise may be required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Councilman Docteroff commended the DPW for doing a great job with the first snowstorm of the season. He reminded residents to please not clean off their cars in the street and to please not snow blow into the street. He wished everyone Happy Holidays from the Docteroff Family.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Cecere agreed that the DPW did a great job with the snow removal. He reminded residents to please keep fire hydrants clear and that throwing your snow in the street is an icy hazard.

Councilman Cecere announced that there will be a Library Board Meeting tomorrow night. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Cecere Family.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

On the recommendation of Councilwoman Canale, the reports submitted by the Police Chief

and Detective Bureau, the Construction Official, and the Court Administrator for the month of November as received, be placed on file.

Councilwoman Canale said for everyone to be safe, Happy Holidays, and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

TECHNOLOGY AND SHARED SERVICES:

Councilman Schott reported that there will be a meeting with the Board of Education on January 13, 2026 at 4:30pm. He is working on the Senior Citizen Transportation Agreement. He thanked the Mayor and Council for taking him under their wing. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Healthy New Year and thanked the employees for all of their hard work.

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:

Council President Wolsky wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilman Crudele welcomed Emma Carriker to the Police Department. He thanked the Camp Wyanokie Commission, Recreation Director Gabe DiMasi, Bari, Andrew, and Coleene for their hard work throughout the year. He commended them on a great tree lighting and Menorah lighting. He thanked Council President Wolsky and wished everyone peace and prosperity for 2026.

Councilwoman Canale congratulated Coleene Hartwig on her retirement on December 31 after 25 years and wished her good luck in her next chapter.

ADVISORS' REPORT:

There were no reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tempesta congratulated Coleene Hartwig on her retirement. He wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Tempesta family.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Conner explained to the Council an issue he is having at his residence with a neighbor's dog barking. He asked the Council to please change the Dog Barking Ordinance to 8am – 8pm.

Mayor Tempesta and some Council members asked some questions and Mr. Conner answered them.

Steve Garfinkel had some questions about the Environmental Commission's budget. CFO Baltycki answered his questions.

Brad Degnan asked when Santa would be driving around on the Fire Truck. The Council said December 20.

Steven Maginnis reported on Waverly Park.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:

There being no further business before the Council on a motion from Councilman Cecere and a second by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. All were in favor. Mayor Tempesta said that the Council reserves the right to come out of closed session and vote on any matter. He anticipated doing that.

On a motion of Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilman Cecere, the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:50 pm. Upon a voice vote all were in favor.

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Resolution by title:

December 16, 2025

No. 25-258
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DANBRO PROPERTIES, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell filed a Resolution of Participation in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program and a Declaratory Judgment Action pursuant to the Fair Housing Act on January 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Court entered an order on April 7, 2025 establishing the Township's Fourth Round affordable housing obligations and directing the Township to file its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Danbro Properties, LLC filed a challenge to the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on August 29, 2025 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, the Township and Danbro Properties, LLC thereafter engaged in discussions through the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program to resolve the issues raised by Danbro Properties, LLC; and

WHEREAS, these discussions have resulted in a proposed agreement between the Township and Danbro Properties, LLC intended to resolve the issues raised in the challenge and to facilitate the Township's progress toward Fourth Round compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that execution of the agreement is in the best interests of the Township and will assist the Township in advancing its obligations under the Fair Housing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Township, the Agreement between the Township of West Caldwell and Danbro Properties, LLC, subject to de minimis revisions of counsel.

2. The Township's Affordable Housing Counsel is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the terms of the Agreement, including preparing and submitting filings, coordinating with the Program, and carrying out the actions required to implement the Agreement.

3. The Township Attorney, Affordable Housing Counsel, Township Planner, Township Administrator, and all other appropriate Township officials are authorized to undertake all additional actions necessary to implement the Agreement and advance the Township's progress toward obtaining compliance certification.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

It was regularly moved by Council President Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Cecere that the resolution be adopted. Upon the vote being polled, Council Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the second Resolution by title:

No. 25-259
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEDIATION AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell ("Township") filed a Resolution of Participation in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("Program") and a Declaratory Judgment Action pursuant to the Fair Housing Act on January 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2025, the Court established the Township's Fourth Round affordable housing obligations and directed the Township to file a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed its HEFSP on June 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") filed its challenge on August 30, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, the Township and FSHC have engaged in mediation before the Program to resolve the issues raised in FSHC's challenge and reach an agreement compliant with the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, these discussions have resulted in a Mediation Agreement (**Exhibit A**) that the Township and FSHC intend to submit to the Program and thereafter to the Mount Laurel judge for review and potential compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council find that entering into the Mediation Agreement is in the best interests of the Township and will advance the Township's progress toward Fourth Round compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Township, the Mediation Agreement between the Township of West Caldwell and Fair Share Housing Center attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to de minimis changes from counsel.

2. The Township's Affordable Housing Counsel is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the terms of the Mediation Agreement, including but not limited to preparing filings, communicating with the Program, participating in subsequent mediation or compliance proceedings, and coordinating implementation with the Township's professionals.

3. The Township Attorney, Affordable Housing Counsel, Planner, Administrator, and all other appropriate Township officials are authorized and directed to undertake any additional actions necessary to implement the Mediation Agreement and advance the Township's efforts toward obtaining compliance certification.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

It was regularly moved by Council President Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Cecere that the resolution be adopted. Upon the vote being polled, Council Wolsky, Cecere, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

There was one resident in attendance. Mayor Tempesta asked her if she wished to speak.

Lisa Bracamonte complained about the dogs in her neighborhood and the constant barking.

Mayor Tempesta said they will look at the existing Ordinance and fine tune it.

Administrator Baltycki will speak to the Prosecutor since this matter has been brought before the Municipal Court.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council on a motion from Councilman Cecere and a second by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. All were in favor.

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Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk